The considerations urged in the previous sections show why it is that there is a system of general laws : it is for the good of the intelligent creatures, who attain knowledge by induction. But as this system of laws reaches through the whole Cosmos, geological and astronomical, does it not seem as if, throughout its unmeasured ages and space, there might be beings homogeneous so far to man as our earth and sun seem to be homogeneous to other suns and planets, and resembling him in this respect in particular, that they gather knowledge from experience, proceeding upon invariable general laws observed by them ? Are there creatures a little higher than man, who have existed through all known time, and who ramble at pleasure through nil known space, gathering an ever-increasing knowledge from the uniform laws of God ? To these questions nature gives no very audible answer ; though we have sometimes felt as if we heard it utter certain indistinct whispers, as we looked into the depths adorned by these rolling stars, and varied by these rolling epochs. We have at least listened so long to the silence of nature, as to be prepared to listen with gratitude to the distinct voice of revelation, when it announces the existence of angelic beings. Connecting tin* physical facts with the supernatural intelligence, we Ibc] as if we had obtained, on the one hand, a final cause for the uniformity of general laws, through unnumbered ages and unmeasured space; and as if we were, on the other hand, the better enabled to entertain an exalted idea of those spiritual beings who excel in strength, and to understand how, in their unseen excursions, they should behold and feel the deepest interest in mm, who is closely allied to them, for he was made a little lower than the angels.

The microscope has shown how the earth, air, and water, are crowded with sentient beings, enjoying and propagating hap-

piness. Revelation, and the highest philosophy, seem to combine their light, to show that, all time has been peopled, and that all space is inhabited by spiritual intelligences. We live in the midst of a world that we see, but we live also in the midst of a world that we do not see. With that invisible world, the spiritual as well as the sentient, we may have numerous relations and points of connexion—we with them, and they with us, as parts *of one* great and connected system, embracing that portion of eternity and infinity which we call time and space.